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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOUAKCHOTT 1623

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN 1623 VICE 6123)

CINCEUR FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, SS, MR  
SUBJ: SAHARA WATCH: POLISARIO ATTACKS MAURITANIAN IRON ORE TRAIN

1. INFORMED SOURCE TELLS US THAT POLISARIO ATTACKED  
MAURITANIAN IRON ORE TRAIN APPROXIMATELY 200 KILOMETERES  
FROM NOUADHIBOU JUNE 16. ONE OF FOUR LOCOMOTIVES PULLING  
120-CAR TRAIN REPORTED TO HAVE SUSTAINED HEAVY DAMAGE.  
ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THIS LEAVES NATIONAL  
INDUSTRY AND MINING COMPANY (SNIM) WITH SEVEN OPERA-  
TIONAL LOCOMOTIVES OUT OF TWELVE ONCE IN SERVICE.

2. THIS IS FIRST SUCCESSFUL ATTACK AGAINST TRAIN SINCE  
APRIL 9.

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3. COMMENT: RENEWED ATTACKS ON IRON ORE TRAIN WERE  
WIDELY PREDICTED IN NOUAKCHOTT AS FULL MOON PERIOD  
OF MONTH APPROACHED. MILITARY SOURCES NOTE THAT  
POLISARIO CAN MOVE MUCH MORE FREELY UNDER A FULL  
MOON BUT THAT FRENCH AIRCRAFT RELUCTANT TO INTERVENE  
FOR FEAR OF STRIKING MAURITANIAN RATHER THAN POLISARIO  
COLUMN.

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